

U.S./KOREA PHYTOSANITARY BILATERAL MEETING MINUTES

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

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Korean Unshu Oranges

Korea requested the export of its Unshu oranges to the state of Alaska noting it would be under different conditions than exporting to the mainland United States. The United States agreed to evaluate Korea's proposal as a priority. Based on that agreement, NPQS will provide APHIS with a more detailed proposal to include: cultural practices to lower disease incidence in the groves, general export inspection, carton labeling, etc. After receiving the NPQS written proposal, APHIS will conduct the PRA as soon as possible.

U.S. Chipping Potatoes

The U.S. and Korea agreed they are willing to exchange and share methodologies for inspecting potatoes, including the methods for Columbia Root Knot Nematode. U.S. proposed dates for sending U.S. inspectors, and Korea noted that inspecting together when U.S. potatoes are shipped into Busan would be appropriate. Korea noted that majority of US potatoes are being shipped January thru April based on the 2005 schedule. U.S. will suggest an appropriate date and share with APHIS/Seoul.

Korean Peppers/Paprika

U.S. provided a copy of a draft proposed rule for entry of Korean peppers/paprika. NPQS and APHIS discussed the mitigation measures in the rule, recognizing that upon publication, NPQS will comment on the rule, as necessary. APHIS committed to publish the proposed rule as soon as possible.

U.S. In-shell Walnuts

Korea informed U.S. in its October 10, 2005 letter that it is preparing for final import approval for the entry of all varieties of U.S. walnuts. U.S. asked for an update on this process. Korea stated it will do its best to expedite the process.

Korean Sweet Potatoes

APHIS indicated that it required additional information on mitigation measures and cultural practices in order to conclude the risk assessment. APHIS will provide this request officially in a letter upon return to headquarters. NPQS will respond to the APHIS letter as soon as possible.

U.S. Wheat

The U.S. reiterated its request for Korea to eliminate the requirement for the Additional Declaration (AD) for Karnal Bunt (KB) to be provided with phytosanitary certification of shipments of U.S. wheat. NPQS explained that KB remains a quarantine pest as wheat is produced in Korea. Therefore, NPQS also explained the utility of continuing to provide the AD. NPQS will provide the relevant regulations concerning KB and quarantine pest list upon their return to Korea.

Korean Shepherd's Purse with Roots

In order to complete the risk mitigation document, the U.S. provided Korea with a letter requesting additional information on the cultural, production and packing practices associated with the export of shepherd's purse with roots. NPQS will respond to this letter addressing APHIS concerns.

NPQS also provided an explanation on the intended use of the shepherd's purse with roots. It is for consumption and not propagation.

U.S. Florida Citrus

U.S. and Korea discussed exportation of citrus to Korea from *Anastrepha suspensa* regulated areas in Florida. There was agreement in principle that citrus can be exported to Korea even from *Anastrepha suspensa* regulated areas with cold treatment. Korea asked for clarification on the cold treatment schedule, the current citrus canker situation in Florida and the measures being implemented in Florida.

Korea has listed citrus canker as a quarantine pest for Korea since December 2004. As Korea is conducting an official control program on the island of Jeju, NPQS explained that they need additional information on the current Florida citrus canker situation. APHIS will provide relevant information on citrus canker in Florida as well as clarification of the cold treatment schedule.

Korean Tomatoes

United States provided a copy of the draft pest risk assessment (PRA) including possible mitigation measures to Korea. APHIS will provide the document formally upon its return to headquarters.

U.S. Pomegranates

U.S. provided response to Korea letter of 2004 with requested pest information. Korea indicated that this information would be used to complete the PRA.

Korean Artificially Dwarfed Plants

Korea asked for clarification on U.S. requirements for importing artificially dwarfed plants in growing media. U.S. explained CFR 319.37 and clarified various provisions including the fact that if a genus species is enterable into the U.S. and it is less than 2 years old, it can enter the U.S. without being subjected to the conditions specified in CFR 319.37-5(q). U.S. emphasized the importance of providing the specific genera that Korea is interested in exporting to the U.S. so that the exact detailed import requirements can be provided.

U.S. Sudden Oak Death

U.S. requested clarification on why restrictions for SOD were still in place for Columbia County Oregon. The U.S. explained the incident and how the situation developed. APHIS will provide a summary of the incident, Federal response and Oregon's declaration of repeal of voluntary quarantine measures. NPQS will review this information with the intention of removing the current restrictions on Columbia County Oregon as soon as possible.



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